

States Navy under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be commander

Michael T. Bourque, 0000

Navy nominations beginning Marian L. Celli, and ending Miguel A. Franco, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 23, 2000.

The following named officer for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Navy under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be lieutenant commander

William R. Mahoney, 0000

The following named officer for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Navy under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be lieutenant commander

Stephen R. Silva, 0000

The following named officer for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Naval Reserve under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be captain

Graeme Anthony Browne, 0000

Navy nominations beginning John P. Labanc, and ending Forrest S. Yount, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 23, 2000.

The following named officer for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Navy under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be commander

Robert F. Blythe, 0000

The following named officer for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Navy under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be lieutenant commander

George P. Haig, 0000

The following named officer for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Navy under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be lieutenant commander

Melvin J. Hendricks, 0000

The following named officer for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Navy under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be lieutenant commander

Jon E. Lazar, 0000

The following named officer for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Navy under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be lieutenant commander

Lawrence R. Lintz, 0000

The following named officer for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Navy under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be lieutenant commander

David E. Lowe, 0000

The following named officer for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Navy under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be lieutenant commander

Michael S. Nicklin, 0000

The following named officer for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Navy under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be lieutenant commander

Robert J. Werner, 0000

The following named officer for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Navy under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be captain

Carl M. June, 0000

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2000

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 12 noon on Monday, April 3. I further ask consent on Monday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the following exceptions:

One hour under the control of Senator BOB SMITH; 30 minutes under the control of Senator BROWBACK; 30 minutes under the control of Senator CRAIG or his designee from 3 to 3:30; and 2 hours under the control of Senator DURBIN or his designee.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. I further ask unanimous consent it be in order for the Budget Committee to file the budget resolution between the hours of 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Friday.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the budget resolution at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4, providing the report is available Saturday morning.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will be in a period of morning business during the day on Monday. No votes will occur during Monday's session of the Senate. The Senate will begin the budget resolution on Tuesday. Therefore, votes may be expected during the day and into the evening on Tuesday. Members should expect late nights each session next week in an effort to conclude the budget resolution by the end of next week. The leader urges all Members to adjust their schedule accordingly.

ELIAN GONZALEZ

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I want to comment for a mo-

ment on some of the things that happened today. Yesterday, I introduced legislation to provide permanent residency to Elian Gonzalez because I wanted to try to diffuse what I think is a very volatile situation in south Florida. I believe Elian Gonzalez should be allowed to go to custody court and allow his family—all of his family from Cuba, not just Juan Gonzalez—to come here so they could be free from any encumbrances or any threats or hostility toward them by Fidel Castro. They can sit down as a family, the way a family should, and try to work out the fate of Elian Gonzalez. If that could not be worked out, that it go to custody court.

Regretfully, we couldn't get enough people to support this action. So we have postponed any action. Some have objected and caused a series of delays which did not provide the opportunity for me to have a vote here today, which I regret. It is my sincere hope that the Attorney General over the next several days will not move to do something that I think would be not only silly but dangerous and not in the best interests of Elian Gonzalez—trying to drag this boy from his home in Miami and send him off to Cuba.

I believe Senators should go on record and say how they feel about this. I have heard some say, I don't want to be involved in a custody battle. I don't either. That is not the job of a Senator. We are asking in this resolution, not to have a Senator interfere with a custody battle, but to allow a custody proceeding to occur.

Right now, this is an immigration situation. Elian Gonzalez didn't come here the way most people immigrate to the United States or immigrate into the United States. He came here floating on a raft, picked up by fishermen after his mother died trying to get him here to freedom.

He deserves his day in court. He deserves to be heard, like any child in America. I want that to happen worse than anything. I want all 100 Senators to speak on this. I hope that happens. I want to let Janet Reno, the Attorney General, know that I urge her to take the time to think this thing through, meet with Elian Gonzalez, talk with the family, and understand that it is in the best interests of this child that his family, all of his family, come here from Cuba—that is what my legislation does—on permanent residency status. They can go back anytime they want to. They are not provided citizenship. They can come here of their own free will without Castro's influence. They can make a decision about this little boy. That is the right thing to do.

I want to acknowledge a statement today made by the Vice President of the United States, Al Gore, regarding Elian Gonzalez. He has today supported this action that I have advocated, along with Senator MACK and Senator GRAHAM of Florida, to have permanent residency status for Elian Gonzalez and